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HARDING INDORSES **BIG NAVY; WANTS** SKELETON ARMY

Programme of 1916, Calling for 155 Capital Ships by 1924, Supported by the President-Elect.

FIRST NAVAL POWER

Confers With Representative Butler on Provisions of Naval Bill and Appropriations.

COOL TOWARD 'HOLIDAY'

National Lumbermen to Carry to Marion a Measure Designed to Revive Building Operations.

MARION, Ohio, Jan. 8.—Presidentelect Harding supports the big navy programme which promises to make the United States the greatest mest Power in the world by 1924, stronger in modern construction by 200,000 tens than Great Britain. Until more evidence than now exists is produced to that foreign Powers sincerely seek a naval policy, the Presidentelect believes the security of the United States demands that the pro gramme of 1916, calling for 155 capital ships, including six battle cruisers and ten superdreadnoughts, be carried out.

That is the impression carried away ive Thomas Butler of Pennsylvania, chairman of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, after a long conference with Senator Harding. Representative Butler feels assured that the House will put through all the appropriation requirements of the 1916 capital ship pathy and approval of the next President. He gathered, too, that the President-elect's purpose is to counsel rigid and cannot be appealed. conomy for and in the army, and to down to skeleton dimensions, while displaying liberality toward the nation's first line of defence—the navy.

Doubts Wisdom of "Holiday." That the President-elect is keenly in terested in the various proposals put forward regarding an international naval holiday Mr. Butler perceived, but he noted also that he is doubtful if the suggestions and schemes now being advanced will ever come to anything. Unttl he is "shown," until something of a definite and practical nature is disclosed

and agreed upon, the next President wants to see the American navy maintained and strengthened and favors finding the necessary money to that end, Representative Butler, after his co his opinion as to the extent the naval Ws conversation elect had been of the most general character their ideas were in accord. He had ssurance, he said, that the Harding Administration was for maintenance of

tures discarded. And we know where the rat holes are. I am in favor of continuing the 1916 building policy, but I The decision of the arbitrator comes. do not believe the completion of that programme should be rushed, in view of condition of the Treasury. We should go steadily ahead.

ships provided for in the prothe work on the battle cruisers is only in its initial state. These cruisers must constructed, but they should be built consistent with the Government and the Treasury.

Adequate Naval Reserve.

"I am thoroughly encouraged with the respect of procuring for the country an adequate naval reserve. A bill to provide such a reserve will be introduced next Tuesday in Congress and pushed to passage. I want to see a re-serve of 40,000. This would cost the country not more than \$14,000,000 a It is the intention to make this

out the present naval programme. We want to know whether it would be necessary to grant this request for the safety of the nation or not."

Mr. Butler declined to give the names of the persons to be summoned before the Naval Committee of the House next.

Tuesday, to provide that information. Tuesday, to provide that information. He pointed out that provision for an inted out that provision nal conference on disarmament existed in the Hensley amendment to the naval programme bill of August, 1916, and that \$200,000 was now

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BRITISH-SOVIET TRADE DEAL HELD UP; GOLD SEIZURE FEARED

New York Herald Bureau, London, Jan. 8. NEW objections proposed to the trade agreement between Great Britain and Russia has caused Leonid Krassine, Bolshevist trade envoy, to postpone his departure from London for Moscow, which had been planned for to-day. He will not leave here until Monday or Tuesday and has again applied to Sir Robert Horne, president of the Board of Trade, for a conference, which has been arranged for

So far as the principles of trading are concerned, the agreement is ready for signature. But two vital disagreements, holding up a definite conclusion of the agreement, have come up, according to information received from the office of Sir Robert to-day. One of these is the all important issue of propaganda, but it is believed that even this objection could have been smoothed out if it stood alone. But the Soviets have no guarantee that the gold they will ship here in payment for goods received from Great Britain won't be attached by interests with large claims against the Bolsheviki.

This is purely a matter for the courts to decide, and therefore it difficult at this time for the Government to tell Moscow positively there will be no trouble when the gold arrives.

Another trouble is that the banks here will not receive Russian bullion, because much of it has been found to be impure, and they do not want to go to the trouble of melting it down for testing. It would be possible for the bullion to be sent to Sweden, converted into coin there and then sent here, but this method would make the gold liable to attachment by any one having claims against Russis

FRANCE GETS PART POST DEFIES ALIEN OF FLEET ON RHINE LAW, HOUSE HEARS

Involved in Attack by

Rep. Newton.

Admitting Foreigners 'De-

liberately Violated.'

Charges that Louis F. Post, Assist

ant Secretary of Labor, is allowing

allens to enter the United States with

out passports or approval of the

State Department, as required by

President Wilson in regulations issued

under the wartime passport law, were

made in the House to-day by Repre-

tion under the penalizing clause."

explanation of the apparent friction be-

tween the State and Labor departments

over entry of allens, which became

known during consideration of the case

of Lord Mayor O'Callaghan of Cork,

who came to America as a stowaway.

Under the present law, Mr. Newto

an alien was to be admitted, a type-

entry with the approval of the State

BARS BEETS FROM DISH

Columbia Expert Expounds

New Menu Theory.

meal, she said, and colors that clash should be avoided, as they may mar a

repast. To bring out her point the speaker mentioned as a combination of

color that included incompatibles a din-

ner of ham and beets. In such a meal,

she said, the color effect would be all

ALBANIA, ROME REPORT

London, Jan. 8 .- An Avlona despatel

to the Exchange Telegraph Company by

GREECE TO RECOGNIZE

wrong.

the alien approved.

migration law.

sentative Newton (Minn.).

New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.

Walker Hines, as Arbitrator, Case of Lord Mayor of Cork Awards 253,000 Tons of Barges and Tugs.

BASED ON ALSACE NEEDS CRIMINAL ACTION HINT

Control in German Navigation | Proclamation of President in Company Also Allowed-Final Action Feb. 10.

Paris, Jan. 8 .- Walker D. Hines arbitrator in the distribution of German inland shipping under the peac treaty, has awarded 131/2 per cent. of Germany's Rhine fleet to France.

To France is given 253,000 tons of barges and tugs with a capacity of 24,000 horsepower. The award is final

Mr. Hines's decision was announced keep the regular military establishment at a hearing to-day attended by repre-down to skeleton dimensions, while sentatives of Germany and France, The mains to be settled, but the Rhine shipping is by far the largest, and today's decision is the most important to

In his decision Mr. Hines points out that, inasmuch as France, through the return of Alsace, has become again a Rhine State, the treaty requires that the division of the German Rhine fleet between France and Germany shall be made in proportion to the legitimate needs of the two countries. Mr. Hines will definitely select the barges and tugs will definitely select the barges and tags
pointed out, all allens entering the bly on resolutions they prese
to be given to France on February 10
United States must have passports vised withdrew from the meeting.

In addition to shipping, Mr. Hines's decision requires Germany to cede to in case of no passport the State Departwith Senator Harding, outlined France controlling interest in the shares ment is to determine whether this reof what is known as the Fendel Comas to the extent the naval of what is known as the Fendel Com-ent could be reduced in the pany, one of the principal German Rhine slaimed that in some instances in pany one of the principal German Rhine papers prepared for the signature of navigation companies. The tugs and rges owned by the company are cred-

A small series of port installations at are awarded to France. a strong navy.

"The good and efficient features of the naval establishment must be kept," received by setting off the value fixed by the arbitrator against the sum total of reparations due France by Germany.

"Here we have the situation of the tures discarded. And we know where The decision of the arbitrator comes tions, during which he made numerous trips on the Rhine and inspections at

Repartition of the Rhine fleet between france and Germany is aside from the portion of the German river fleet to be with the Department, I succeeded in given by the Latin American diplomatic

lost by them during the war. FRANCE AND BRAZIL

Status of Interned German Vessels Now Fixed.

"France has definitely agreed to this settlement, and we only are awaiting England's acceptance of this solution to close the matter altogether. England is expected to agree within a few days.

BANK ROBBED IN DAYLIGHT. SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 8.—A bandit entered the Utah Savings and Trust Company a few minutes before banking hours to-day, compelled the paying teller to hand him over \$4.500 and shot at the cashler, who attempted to intercept him as he escaped. at the cashier, who attempted to intercept him as he escaped.

White Sniphur Springs—The Greenbrier for rest and recuperation. Bookings Plaza.—Ado.

ARGENTINA SAYS U. S. BACKED HER IN LEAGUE FIGHT

Republic That Withdrew From Assembly Supported by Washington.

COLBY IS AUTHORITY

Foreign Minister Quotes Wire From American Secretary of State.

REVEALS IT IN PARIS

Says United States 'Fully Approved Principles' as Shown at Geneva.

Playful Printers Edit Wilson's Peace Dream

New York Herald Bureau, Paris, Jan. 8.

EVEN the printers in Geneva who have been intrusted with setting up the journal of the League of Nations have not much confidence in its stability and are foreseeing an early ter-mination of President Wilson's

peace dream.

During the strike recently the typesetters agreed to continue work on the journal, as it con-tained reports by the interna-tional labor body, but when they reached the word "fin" some in-considerate humorist added in

very small type the lines:

"Just a little hope, just a little dream," and then "'Good night."

The Secretariat has not yet discovered the perpetrator, but it is admittedly upset by the candid prophecy.

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Honorio Pueyrredon, Foreign Minis ter of the Argentine Republic and head of that country's delegation to the meeting of the assembly of the League "that the Secretary is violating the of Nations at Geneva, said here to-day law or he is coming perilously near to that Bainbridge Colby, American Secsubjecting himself to criminal prosecu- retary of State, had sent a telegram to the President of the Argentine Repub-Mr. Newton's statements may afford lic, stating that the United States Government fully approved the principles which the Argentine delegates

presented at Geneva. It will be recalled that when the Argentine delegates were unable to obtain favorable action by the assemout, all allens entering the bly on resolutions they presented, they

Senor Pueyrredon, in expressing his by American consular officers abroad, or satisfaction over the attitude taken by the United States as expressed in Mr. Colby's telegram, said:

"We made no definite proposals for Secretary of Labor Wilson, under which the present, but suggested what we written proviso that the action could Mr. Colby telegraphed the President of a big outle be taken only with approval of the Sec-the Argentine Republic that the United the State. Rotterdam belonging to the Badische retary of State was stricken out by Mr. States Government fully approved the Company, a German corporation, also Post and the unqualified admission of sented at Geneva. This community of Mr. Newton cited the case of Arthur thought with a great friendly republic gives us the right to think that we admitted lingarity by Mr. Fost.

"Here we have the situation of the have worked for the best for future Assistant Secretary of one of the great international accord."

departments deliberately permitting Senor Pueyrredon, who has recently allens to come into this country in studied the French financial and eco violation of the law and the proclama- nomic situation, expressed confidence in tion of the President," Mr. Newton said. the restoration which will follow the re-"The Assistant Secretary of Labor is sumption of trade along channels which Rotterdam. It involved a study of the openly disregarding the law. He holds he hopes to facilitate as soon as he traffic in coal potash and other com-modifies to and from France and Alsace-that he has nothing whatever to do with transport system and recommending that he has nothing whatever to do with transport system and recommending Lorraine, as well as to and from German anything but merely enforcing the im- dinancial assistance in a large measure.

Senor Pueyrredon will leave Paris togiven to the allied and associated na-getting the file to examine it. I found corps to-day. They will remain in Lon-tions as reparation for river shipping that the typewritten portion on the ad-don a few days before going home.

BURNOS ATRES. Jan. 8 .- Tens of thous ands of persons turned out to witness or to participate in a great civic parade this evening held under the auspices of the Radical party as a manifestation of popular adhesion to the action of President Yrigoyen in the withdrawal of the Argentine delegates from the League of Nations assembly at Geneva. The marchers filed from side streets into the Avenida de Mayo and thence to the Plaza Congreso, where orators eulogized the President's step.

Meantime the opponents of President Yrigoyen's policy were not idle. They plaisered, the city with posters signed the "Association of Friends of France." Department was stricken out by a broad ands of persons turned out to witness IN ACCORD ON SHIPS pen line and then signed by the Assist-ant Secretary of Labor, Mr. Post." or to participate in a great civic parade this evening held under the auspices of OF HAM—COLORS CLASH | President Yrigoyen in the withdrawal the Argentine delegates from the League of Nations assembly at Geneva. The

KU KLUX IN NATIONWIDE DRIVE

This organization, born in the South in reconstruction days and recently revived, is establishing klans in many sections of the North, and public meetings will be held to advance Americanism, safeguard white supremacy and to adopt measures to prevent the spread of

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will publish a series of articles on this subject, the first of which will appear to-morrow. They are based upon personal observations and upon official information obtained by a staff correspondent who has travelled extensively in the South.

NAVY AIRMAN FOUGHT TO DIE IN ICY WILDS OF THE NORTH THAT COMRADES MIGHT LIVE

102 PAGES.

LUSK SEES PERIL LOCKWOOD OUEST TO MILLER PLANS IN SERIOUS DANGER

Economy Against Poli-

ticians' Efforts.

Press for Retrenchment on Legislators.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, } Albany, Jan. 8.

to-day for moral support of Gov. Milcasioned great surprise in official and Lockwood committee counsel in an atpolitical circles. It sounded like a call

up the administration's policy gave the upper house; Senator Charles (rise to the belief that the opposition to the Governor's proposed reform bills is much deeper seated than was supposed generally.

To Offset Propaganda.

Following the open protest made on Thursday by John J. Lyons, Secretary of State, against surrendering control of the automobile bureau to the new single-headed tax bureau, the officeholders whose positions are threatened, small politicians and special counsel began at once to organize campaigns in

The purpose is to stir up protests at home as the basis for trying to block the Governor's measures in the Legis-lature. Senator Lusk's call on civic and

Senator's statement follows:
"The New York State Legislature of 1921 faces a difficult task in carrying out the recommendations of Gov. Miller

of the Legislature and have found a uniform desire to support the Goverist fail. Whether he receives the full cooperation of the members of the Legislature will depend to a great extent upon the support given these mem-bers by their constituents.
"The programme for retrenchment,

economy and reform will hit many peo-ple and many interests. For the last lutions from different organizations and with petitions and letters urging the support of the members for new celved information that a very vigorous activities and the extension of old ac-

gesting economy in State expenditures. tacked. Asks Moral Support.

supporters, and the different organiza-

"There are many organizations throughout the State the purpose of which is to promote community interests and general welfare. If these organizations would communicate with the mem-

Issues Appeal for Support of G. O. P. Leaders to Confer Today on Growing Opposition to Committee's Work.

QUICK ACTION IS DESIRED 'BIG BUSINESS' ACCUSED

Civic Organizations Urged to Three Criminal Cases in Building Holdup to Get Federal Action.

With underground opposition to the Lockwood committee resolution growing stronger daily in its efforts to de-Senator Lusk, the new majority lay its passage and frustrate the plans leader in the upper branch of the of the investigating body for an in-Legislature, issued a call to the public quiry into financial institutions, at was said last night that there would ler's economy, and retrenchment pro- be an important conference here totempt to adjust the matter.

Among those who may attend are essary at this early stage in shaping ton R. Lusk, Republican floor leader of Lockwood, chairman of the Lockwood committee; Samuel Untermyer, chief A. Berger and Leonard M. Wallstein, two of his associate counsel.

Persons in close touch with the affairs of the committee were certain these men would get together either this moning or afternoon for the purpose of discussing the situation in regard to the committee resolutions, and the preas they now stand.

Unless some definite agreement is reached concerning the resolution it promises to remain becalmed in a sea of technicalities for at least a week other public spirited associations to get back of the Governor is evidently a quick move to offset the propaganda work of the political organizations. The \$3.000 a week, will continue to run and while masses of evidence piled up by while masses of evidence piled up by while masses of evidence piled up by the committee investigators concerning illegal combinations wait vainly for its

As matters now stand the resolution awaits the organization of the Senate Finance Committee, which is scheduled to begin life on Wednesday. getting back to the Legislature then beupper house it may again be sent to Assembly, and John J. O'Connor. is appearing as one of the legal ad-visers of Robert P. Brindell, the in-dicted labor czar, and who has engaged ple and many interests. For the last in several heated court tilts with Mr. two years the mail of the Senators and Untermyer over the Lockwood commit-Assemblymen has been flooded with toe's affairs, is a member of the As-

sembly.

Counsel for the committee have rethe State. Practically no communica-tions have been received urging or sug-bers of which feel they might be at-

In connection with the arrange "Unfortunately many must lose their jobs, and increases of salary must be refused if the programme is to be carried out. Some of these employees will bring strong pressure to bear on the members of the Legislature to be retained in their jobs and to obtain recommended increases in salaries.

"If legislators are to hear only from disappointed office holders and their supporters, and the different organizarian relating to them have been made public investigators are many details relating to them have been made public investigators and many details supporters, and the different organisations urging additional expenditures of money, the task of the Governor and legislative leaders will be extremely different properties. The supporters are the recent hearings of the committee, so that the Federal investigators may save considerable time and labor may save considerable time. by picking the matter up where it

stands.

Whatever action these special Federal prosecutors take, it is virtually certain it will not be in the nature of tions would communicate with the ment bers of the Legislature, assuring them which Attorney-General Palmer started and palmer s

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 8 .- An at-

tempted wholesale delivery from the

Graphic Story of Lieut. Farrell's Collapse, Revival and Attempt to Sacrifice Himself So Starving Friends Might Survive, Told in Letter by Lieut. Hinton to Lieut. Talbot.

THREE FACED DEATH FOUR DAYS; TORTURES BROKE DOWN ELDER MAN

Thrilling Instance of Navy's Traditional Spirit Is Seen in Dramatic Struggle of Weakened Officers as Telephoned by Contributor to "The New York Herald" Who Saw Description Given in Letter.

The personal accounts of the three naval aviators-Farrell, Kloor and Hinton-who were whisked up to northern gramme. The Senator's statement oc- day of Republican State leaders and Ontario by their runaway balloon, will contain reference to an incident far more dramatic than anything yet made known, according to information telephoned to THE NEW YORK That such an appeal should be nec- Gov. Nathan L. Miller, Senator Clay- HERALD at 8 o'clock last night by a man who refused to tell his name. He said he knew of a letter sent to Lieut. Talbot, a friend of the balloonists, by Lieut. Hinton.

According to the man's story, Lieut. Farrell tried to kill counsel to the committee, and Samuel himself when the tortures of exhaustion and starvation became too great, and when Lieuts. Hinton and Kloor tried to protect him from himself he begged them to let him die.

Forced to Eat Dried Moss; Could Shoot No Game.

Soon after the balloon descended on the forest up near James Bay, the officers, according to the letter received by ence of Senator Lusk was considered of the greatest importance because of his reported opposition to the measures pigeons, too, were used for a meal and then the Americans were up against starvation. They were unarmed and therefore could not hope to shoot game.

It was in this condition that they wandered about for four days. The moss and the bits of pigeon failed to bolster the strength of the men and all three realized they were facing certain death. Their instruments, with which they might have located their position, were gone and the future held nothing.

At this point Lieut. Farrell, according to the man who claimed to know about the Hinton letter, became delirious. He was still able to walk and the others rushed him on, hoping that before night came down on them they would

see the smoke of a habitation. Farrell, it was reported, soon proved to be the weakest of the three. He was the oldest, too, and Kloor and Hinton couldn't understand his collapse. He crumpled up as they pressed on in the direction they thought habitations should

Would Kill Himself, So Comrades Might Survive Awful Ordeal.

As he lay on the ground, it was stated by the informant, vities, all of which necessarily incur against the extension of the commithe gave an exhibition of nerve and heroism such as stamps Navy. For a little while the spell of delirium passed off and he was composed enough to talk. He coolly proposed that he could kill himself and lighten the load of the others and

that if the worst came they could eat his flesh. Kloor and Hinton, according to the letter, told Farrell to buck up and move on with them.

But Farrell refused to buck up. He put up a terrific struggle, battling to clear himself from their grasp so that he might take his own life and help them to five.

At Rockaway last night Mrs. Hinton said she had received no further word from her husband.

FORD WORKERS TO GET FRIENDS AT COCHRANE BONUS OF \$8,000,000

Length of Service.

DETROIT, Jan. 8.—An eight million dol-lar "melon" for Ford Motor Company of the gathering of persons who will welemployees is being cut and will be dis-come the rescued American balloonists tributed among the workers, beginning here reached a point of exhaustion at TO FLEE OHIO PRISON next week, in the form of bonuses as their share of the Ford Company's guides failed to appear on the trail from Dig Forty Foot Shaft in Vain profits for the year 1920.

It was learned also that holders of Massac Ford certificates are to receive 6 per towns to the west, said nothing had been cent. interest on their investments, and seen of them on the other trails, and now that this distribution in the form of according to the calculations of some of checks will be started next week. Ford the men who have snowshoed over the

JERSEY PORKER TREES
WOULD-BE BUTCHERS

Family Rescued by Neighbors
With Shotguns.

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. S.—A 500 pound porker stated to be slaughtered refused to become the object of sacrifice on the farm of Dr. William Raith, a dentist, at Farmington, to-day and competted the dentist, his father-in-law, Stanley Grove, and others of the family to take to trees to escape its fury.

The family was unarmed and was compelled to remain hidden in the trees for half an hour. Finally neighbors obtained shotguns and killed the infurited and shotguns and killed the infurited crefiture.

Has begun to drop again and the surface of the snow is hardening. At sundown a curse had begun to form and the guides said travelling would soon be as ideal as it ever could be up this way. There is no question of the airmen's safety. Before they left Moose Factory up on James Bay the dog sleds of the party were well provisioned for both men and teams. The clothing supplied last year the company gave from \$50 to replace the rags in which the American the dentist, his father-in-law, Stanley Grove, and others of the family to take to trees to escape its fury.

The family was unarmed and was compelled to remain hidden in the trees for half an hour. Finally neighbors obtained shotguns and killed the infully dentify the fully for all Florida (Havan, Stanley Cooking, Fried Chicken, Virginia Ham, Muttine, Reservations: 1188 troadway. Tel. Mad. B. 1878.—4dv.

AWAIT BALLOONISTS New Grant Is Based on Mercury Dropping and Roads

Are Getting Better. Special Desputch to The New York Heraux. Special Desputch to The New York Heraux.

Messages from Mattice and Clute, the

Boston, Jan. 8.—The housewife who has to think of a thousand things in planning a successful dinner will have a thousand and one to consider hereafter.

Color of viands was added as a new factor in the preparation of a meal by Miss Emma R. Baker of Teachers College, Columbia University, in an address on menu making before a conference of the New England Home Economics Association to-day.

Color contributes character to a meal by a color of contributes character to a meal by a self-seed of the contributes character to a meal by a self-seed of the contributes character to a meal by a self-seed of the contributes character to a meal by a self-seed of the contributes character to a meal by a self-seed of the contributes character to a meal by a self-seed of the contributes character to a meal by the discovery of a timel forty feet by the discovery of a timel forty fee why the payment of the bonus was has begun to drop again and the sur-face of the snow is hardening. At sun

WERRENRATH SONG RECITAL, CARNEGIE HALL THIS AFTERNOON AT 3,—Adv.

a reserve of merchant seamen.

year. It is the intention to make this a reserve of merchant seamen.

"They will be transferred to naval vessels one or two months each year and then returned to their own ships. The plan comprises many of the features of the German and English reserves, but is purely voluntary. All the men joining the merchant marine would be requested to enlist in the naval reserve and would be pald from the Federal Treasury from the date of enlistment."

Representative Butler declared that now is the time to take up the question of limitation of armament, if ever.

"I want to know, however, if the nations seeking a naval hollday disarmament are in earnest. I am going to try to get information on this subject next Tuesday. Are we going to go hand in hand with those nations or alone? The present Congress faces the responsibility of voting upon the request of the Navy Department for \$187,000,000 to round out the present naval programme. We want to know whether it would be necessary to grant this request for the research to the present constant the request for the research to the request of the earnount owed Brazil will be turned over to the Reparations Commission.

"France has definitely adversed by the principle of brazil. Sub-Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Brazil's ownership of the former German vessels and the fixing of their value and their charter to France, have been settled to the complete satisfaction of both France and Brazil, Rodrigo Octavio, "The first question was settled by the French Foreign Office accepting the principle of Brazil's ownership of the former German vessels and the fixing of their value according to the market price for tonnage when the ships are placed on sale," said Senhor Octavio, "The valuation placed upon the ships and the amount owed Brazil will be turned over to the Reparations Commission.

"France has definitely agreed to this